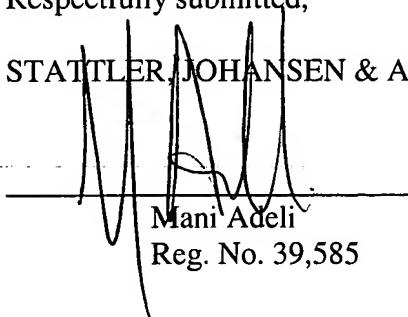


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December 7, 2001, and having serial number 10/013,819. This patent application also claims the benefit of the earlier-filed U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Method and Apparatus that Utilize Diagonal Routes", having serial number 60/325,748, and filed 1/19/2001; U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus", having serial number 60/314,580, and filed 8/23/2001; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus", having serial number 60/337,504, and filed 12/6/2001.--

### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment corrects a typographical error in the claim of benefit of the above-referenced application. In the original claim of benefit, the filing date of application 60/314,580 was specified as 8/23/2000. This Amendment corrects the filing date for this application to 8/23/2001.

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